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send you a copy as soon as I have an opportunity to do so. Could you not ~~write~~ indicate to me a safe opportunity of sending things to you? I do not know if Dr. Engel or Sieppis would be able to forward any parcel to you. If it ever occurs for you or any of your friends European plants, I should be very glad to do

I remain Sir with great regard

Yours truly  
R. Caspary.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you, as well for your letter of the 18. of May 1855, as also for the specimen of *Lycopodium* in roots and its seeds; you were so kind as to send me. We will try to grow the plant here next summer. You are so kind as to ask me to furnish you with a list of Bonn plants, which I want particularly, but I think there is in fact no list necessary; all consideration will be most acceptable to me, we have no good as nothing here of your American genera, and all will be very welcome to me. About a month hence and spring will begin with us, therefore I take the liberty of making you ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> proposal. Be so kind as to find me somebody in your country, who will collect for me any plants, within his power, and I will do the same next year in Germany for that gentleman; I may collect in this way between 400 - 500 plants in one summer and even more. But I am going to leave Berlin for Bonn. Professor Treviranus gets old and infirm and as I am one of his pupils he asked me to go to Bonn for his assistance; he wants me to do there a part of his duty, i. e. to manage his herbarium to make botanical excursions with the

Students and so on. As I shall be of-  
ficially obliged to make excursions, which  
was not here the case, and I shall have  
the more opportunity of collected plants  
from any one of your friends, who will col-  
lect for me in America. If he has par-  
ticular wishes for certain families, he  
may mention them to me, no sooner as  
possible. The Flora of Bonn, which I  
know well, having here, then a student  
of unusual wealth, is rich and in-  
creasing.

But I have still a peculiar desire<sup>E</sup>  
which I am almost afraid of mentioning  
to you. I have worked at the Nym-  
phaeaceae for nearly 4 years, my main  
goal was drawn to its fructification, but  
I have seen very few of your American  
Nymphaeaceae, i. e. specimens, and of  
some species none. For instance I  
saw no specimen of *Nuphar sagittifolium*  
Dutch, of *Nuphar kalimianum* I  
should also like to see more specimens, of  
*N. dipetala* which original specimens, as  
also of *Nymphaea bipetala* (not *Nuphar*  
*adurna* Ait) at Mainz? I have examined  
this plant in a living state, as it  
grows well in the botanical garden of  
Leipzig, from which place Professor  
Mittlerer sent it to me in excellent  
specimens. Now I ask you if it is  
not possible, that you send me no soon

as possible your northamerican *Nymphae-*  
*aceae*. It is a custom with us, that if a  
botanist is working at a certain family,  
the plants of your own ~~States~~ father's herbar-  
iums, as also of the private ones are readily  
lent to him for examination; now if  
you could not send me specimens of your *Nym-*  
*phaeaceae* for keeping them, would it not be  
possible, that you send them me at least for  
examination? I know the English would  
scarcely do that, but we are more liberal  
in our customs. I just finished a memoir  
on the *Sancharidum*, for which all the  
plants of the tribe in the private herbaria  
of Germany, were lent to me.

What a most interesting thing it must  
be to study your northamerican Flora  
in its native place. I should not hesitate  
to accept any situation as a botanist in  
your country for examining your Flora, which  
~~yet~~ certainly offers certainly more chance to  
find new things, than the Flora of Germany,  
which is already so much searched. What an  
interesting family is *Sp. i.* that of *Sancharidum*.  
And there is much left to do still in that.  
The relation between *Urtica canadensis* Moench  
and *Sancharidum Nuttallii* Schreb., which Torrey  
comproises both under the name of *Urtica can-*  
*adensis* in his is more done.

A paper on the increased temperature of the  
flower of the *Urtica* species, read <sup>by me</sup> at the  
Academy here, has just appeared. I wish